

What the City is doing to mitigate the risk of fire

A large majority of properties in WA are built within bushfire prone areas. New homes built within a hundred meters of one hectare of bushland are required to have safety measures in place. Following the 2014 Banjup bush fires, The City of Cockburn developed a Bushfire Risk Management Plan to better understand the local area, values at risk and plan for bushfire mitigation. Part of this includes fire danger rating signs in Henderson, Jandakot and Banjup. Alongside this, The City of Cockburn actions a yearly Hazard Reduction Program, which includes weed spraying, mechanical fuel reduction and hazard reduction burning. To meet residential compliance with the Bush Fires Act, a comprehensive Fire Break Inspection is done before the bushfire season. And also The City of Cockburn is continually keeping up-to-date with current trends through its involvement in Emergency Management and Bushfire Forums. Another protection measure is The City of Cockburn support for local bushfire brigades. Making sure they have sufficient resources, fire fighting equipment and training opportunities to operate effectively. Local events and information sessions also happen across the year to help the community understand Bushfire Risk and how to prepare their families and properties for bushfires. For more information on bushfire mitigation and bushfire prone areas or the various safety measures in the building process, go to www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or you can visit the DFES website.